

REMARKS

The Advisory Action of June 7, 2006 has been received and reviewed and a request for continued examination is filed herewith.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5 and 7-16 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steiner in view of Denman. Without making any comment as to whether Steiner in fact teaches a cutting assembly movable about a pivot axis, vertical axis, bevel axis and transverse axis, Applicant notes that Steiner does not teach a “linear feed assembly capable of *automatically* moving a workpiece forward and backward along its longitudinal axis,” as is required in the Claims. In fact, the examiner notes in the Action that the Steiner apparatus is capable of “simultaneously moving the workpiece along its longitudinal axis *manually* and moving the cutter along the vertical axis...” Action, p. 2 (emphasis added). The Applicant’s invention is operable to automatically move the workpiece during the cutting operation. The Claims are amended to make this more evident and to claim the automatic movement of the workpiece along its longitudinal axis. Claim 1, for example, now requires that the bevel stab cut be executed by “automatically moving the workpiece along its longitudinal axis using the linear feed assembly and simultaneously moving the cutting assembly along the vertical axis.” Claim 9 as amended requires “automatically moving the workpiece along its longitudinal axis and simultaneously cutting the workpiece using a stab cut.” Steiner does not teach automatically moving the workpiece along its longitudinal axis, whether by a linear feed assembly or other means. Nowhere does Steiner teach automatically advancing and/or retracting the board while automatically moving the cutting assembly.

Additionally, the Denman reference teaches a manual linear feed assembly. The assembly is designed as a safety mechanism for a manual user, as the examiner notes. The Applicant’s invention requires an automatic linear feed assembly capable of “automatically moving the workpiece forward and backward.” While this serves a safety function, it is primarily useful because it automatically advances or retracts the workpiece at the appropriate time and rate in conjunction with simultaneous movement of the cutting apparatus to execute various cuts, such as the stab bevel cut claimed here. Nowhere is the automatic linear feeding of workpieces taught by Denman. Further, nowhere is the

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combination of Steiner and Denman taught or suggested.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Steiner in view of Pyle. The above arguments with respect to the limitations of Steiner apply here as well. Additionally, Claim 6 is allowable as depending from an allowable base claim.

The Claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Claims do are not taught or anticipated by the cited art, and the amendments herein do not necessitate a new search. Consequently, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to the Claims and allowance of the amended Claims. If the examiner is of the opinion that a telephone interview would speed allowance of the application, please do not hesitate to call Peter Schroeder at 214.220.0444.

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